

GENERAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND MISCELLANEOUS1-86. Grants and Cooperative Agreements Related to Environmental Justice and Equity Activities

1. **AUTHORITY.** To approve grants and cooperative agreements for environmental justice and equity programs and activities under the following statutes:
 - a. Clean Water Act, Section 104(b)(3);
 - b. Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1442(c)(3);
 - c. Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001(a);
 - d. Clean Air Act, Section 103(b)(3);
 - e. Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10(a);
 - f. Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Section 20(a);
 - g. Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, Section 311(c);
 - h. Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act, Section 203;
 - i. Section 102(2)(F) of the National Environmental Policy Act (for international activities); and
 - j. EPA's annual appropriations acts.
2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.** Director, Land, Chemical and Redevelopment Division.
3. **LIMITATIONS.**
 - a. The delegated official must consult with the assistant administrator for Research and Development or designee for all research-related grants and cooperative agreements to institutions of higher learning. This delegation does not include the authority to approve funding for basic scientific research that falls under the purview of the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development or any successor to ORD.
 - b. The delegated official must consult with the assistant administrator for International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) or designee on all grants and cooperative agreements for international activities.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
 - a. This authority may be redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent, and may not be redelegated further.
 - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.

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- a. Agency policies and guidance documents on environmental quality.
- b. 40 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, which provides EPA's regulations on Grants and Other Federal Assistance.
- c. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; and 2 C.F.R. Part 1500, EPA's adoption and supplementation of the OMB uniform award requirements.
- d. Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, P.L. No. 95-224, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §6301 et seq.
- e. EPA Order series 5700, which provides EPA policies regarding assistance agreements.
- f. Delegation 1-14-A, Assistance Agreements, which delegates to officials in the Mission Support Division the authority to take all necessary actions to award, obligate and de-obligate funds for, and administer fellowship, grant, cooperative and loan agreements, and to make any final determinations required by law or regulations, with eligible recipients.



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